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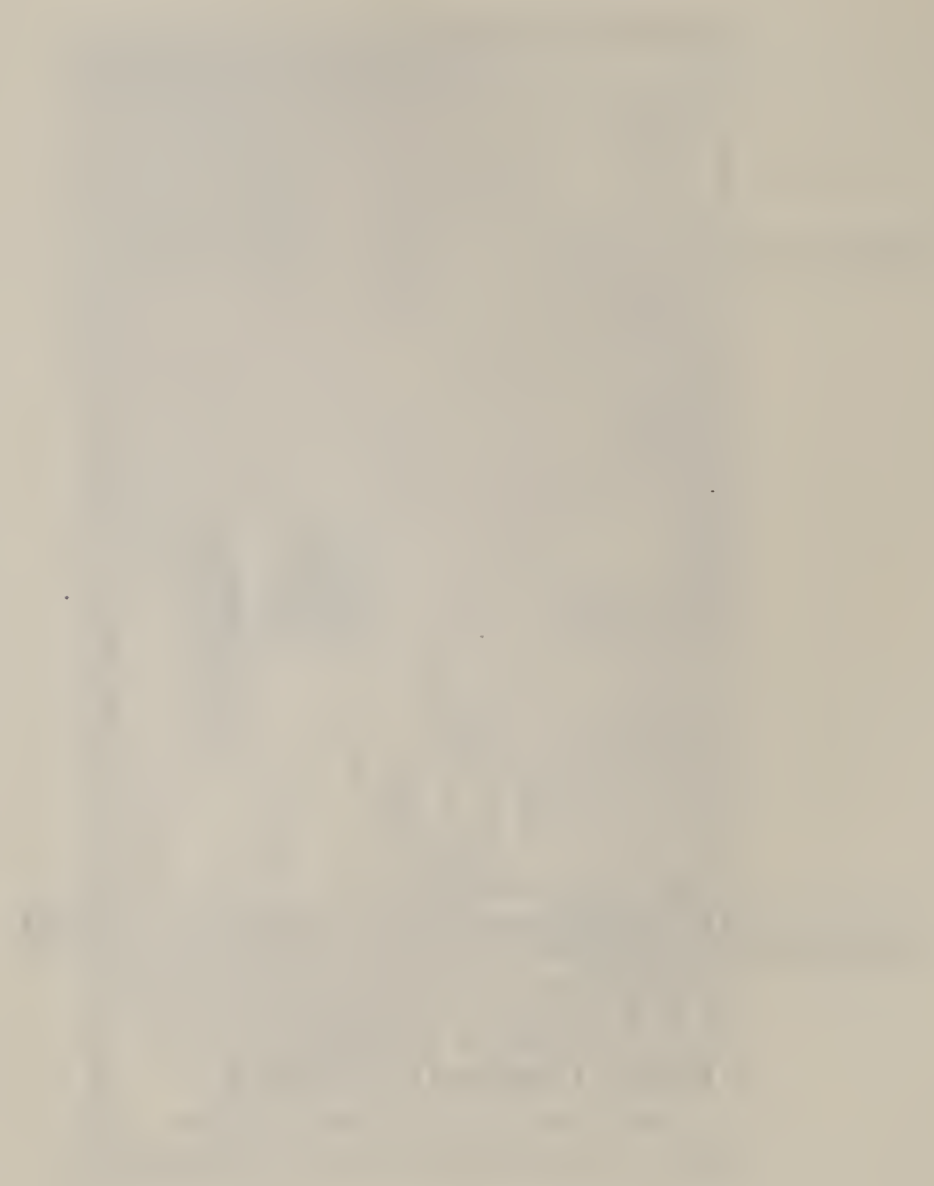
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Introduction

The National AIDS Information Clearinghouse (NAIC) introduces this first edition of the *Directory of AIDS-Related Databases and Bulletin Boards* in response to the increasingly important role automated information services play in disseminating AIDS information.

The *Directory* lists the 93 organizations in NAIC's Resources Database that produce electronic bulletin boards, databases, and online information services. The services are listed alphabetically by the producer's name. Each entry contains the producer's name, address, telephone number, contact person (when available), description of the database, and access procedures. The description may include purpose, scope, language, size, update frequency, and search aids.

The *Directory* includes all information available at the time of publication; as a result, some entries contain more information than others. NAIC continually updates the information in its Resources Database.

NAIC is a free service of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control. The Clearinghouse was established in October 1987 to serve as the primary reference, referral, and publications distribution service for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Until a cure is found, our only weapon to fight the spread of AIDS and HIV infection is prevention--through testing, counseling, and education.

Your comments, suggestions, and requests for additional copies of the *Directory* are welcome. Write to:

National AIDS Information Clearinghouse
Technical Processing Department / DB
P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20850

DATABASE:

AIDS Info BBS
P.O. Box 1528
San Francisco, CA 94101

PHONE: (415)626-1245

KEY STAFF: Ben Gardiner.

DESCRIPTION: AIDS Info BBS is a privately operated bulletin board open to anyone who needs information about AIDS or AIDS services. Users can read and download articles, news, book reviews, statistics, announcements, and calendars of events. Electronic mail and a communication forum are also available.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

AIDS Info BBS (415)626-1246.

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DATABASE:

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
600 Maryland Ave., SW.
Washington, DC 20024-2588

PHONE: (202)638-5577

KEY STAFF: Warren H. Pearse, MD.

DESCRIPTION: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) is a professional organization of nearly 24,000 physicians who provide health care to women in North America. It also maintains an inhouse database called ACOG Net.

ACCESS PROCEDURES: Online services are available to members only.

DATABASE:

American Medical Association
AMA/NET
535 N. Dearborn St.
Chicago, IL 60610

PHONE: (800)426-2873

KEY STAFF:

Christine L. Kennedy, Vice President of Operations.
Jerry McCarthy, Director of Market Development
and Education.

DESCRIPTION:

The AMA/NET, sponsored by the American Medical Association, is an online medical information network. It offers a full range of information services for the medical professional, including medical news; reference databases; electronic communication; public information from the Centers for Disease Control, the National Library of Medicine, the National Institutes of Health, and the Surgeon General; interactive continuing medical education programs; a drug interaction database; and a diagnostic decision-support knowledge base. The AMA/NET also offers the AIDS information service, which includes four AIDS information sources: 1) Associated Press Medical News Service; 2) Social and Economic Aspects of Medicine (SEAM), a bibliographic reference service for nonclinical AIDS issues; 3) EMPIRES Easy Search, a specialized database of current clinical information covering selected AIDS topics, including therapy; testing; risk and prevention; morbidity, mortality, and epidemiology; and recent research; and 4) Clinical Reference Systems (CRS) AIDS Quick Reference Database, a concise primary source of AIDS information for clinicians. The Associated Press Medical News Service includes a medical newswire service which presents a subject category on current AIDS headlines that can be selected for full-text display. The AMA/NET also provides the "AIDS Information Updates" and "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" from the Centers for Disease Control.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

American Medical Computing (800)426-2873.

DATABASE:

American Psychological Association
PsycALERT Database
1400 N. Uhle St.
Arlington, VA 22201

PHONE: (703)247-7829

DESCRIPTION:

The PsycALERT Database (PSAL) provides access to newly published materials in the behavioral sciences before their appearance in PsycINFO. This Database covers the world's literature in psychology and related disciplines, sociology, anthropology, education, pharmacology, physiology, and linguistics. PsycALERT scans about 1,400 periodicals, as well as technical reports. The Database contains 20,000 records with 600 new records added weekly. The Database is accompanied by the following search aids: "PsycINFO Users Reference Manual" and a "Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: PSAL.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 140.

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DATABASE:

American Psychological Association
PsycINFO Database
1400 N. Uhle St.
Arlington, VA 22201

PHONE: (703)247-7829

DESCRIPTION:

The PsycINFO Database (PSYC) covers the world's literature in psychology and related disciplines. These disciplines include psychiatry, sociology, anthropology, education, pharmacology, physiology, and linguistics. PsycINFO scans about 1,300 periodicals, as well as technical reports, dissertations, conference reports, and monographs each year. Approximately 8 percent of all materials

in PsycINFO were originally published in a foreign language. The Database contains 455,000 records, with 3,200 new records added monthly. The print counterpart of the Database includes "Psychological Abstracts." The Database is accompanied by the following search aids: "PsycINFO Users Reference Manual" and a "Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: PSYC.
Data-Star (800)221-7754.
File name: PSYC.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 11.

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DATABASE:

American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
Consumer Drug Information Database
4630 Montgomery Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814

PHONE: (301)657-3000

KEY STAFF: Database Services: Dwight T. Tousignaut, Director.

DESCRIPTION: The Consumer Drug Information Database contains the full text of about 3,000 brand name drug products with descriptions written for the patient's understanding. The contents of the Database represent the complete text of the "Consumer Drug Digest." It covers descriptions of drugs; how they work; their side effects and how to manage them; dosage instructions; and storage information. The Database is updated quarterly, with an annual reloading.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CDIF.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 271.

DATABASE:

American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
Drug Information Fulltext Database
4630 Montgomery Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814

PHONE: (301)657-3000

KEY STAFF: Database Services: Dwight T. Tousignaut, Director.

DESCRIPTION: The Drug Information Fulltext Database contains the full text of about 1,200 monographs covering about 50,000 commercially available and experimental drugs in the United States. The Database covers uses, interactions, pharmacokinetics, dosage administration, chemistry, stability, adverse reactions, and preparation information. It also includes Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Numbers, tradenames, manufacturers, and references to journal articles. The Database corresponds to the "American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information and Handbook on Injectable Drugs"; references are available only online. The Database is updated three times a year, plus an annual reload.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: DIFT.
BRS/Colleague (800)468-0908.
File name: DIFT.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 229.
Chemical Information Systems (301)321-8440.
Tech Data (303)790-0600.

DATABASE:

American Society of Hospital Pharmacists
International Pharmaceutical Abstracts
4630 Montgomery Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814

PHONE: (301)657-3000

KEY STAFF: Database Services: Dwight T. Tousignaut, Director.

DESCRIPTION: The International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPAB), produced by the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists, provides coverage of pharmaceutical science and health-related literature. Subjects include drug therapy, toxicity, and pharmacy practice, as well as legislation, regulation, technology, utilization, biopharmaceutics, information processing, education, economics, and ethics as related to pharmaceutical science and practice. The years of coverage are from 1970 to present. As of April 1988, the Database contained 130,029 documents. It is updated monthly. Search aids include the "IPA Users Guide", the "IPA Thesaurus of Subject Terms," and the "Drug Trade Name and Cross Reference List."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies	(800)468-0908.
File name: IPAB.	
BRS/Colleague	(800)468-0908.
File name: IPAB.	
Data-Star	(800)221-7754.
File name: IPAB.	
DIALOG Information Services	(800)334-2564.
File number: 74.	
Chemical Information Systems	(301)321-8440.
Tech Data	(303)790-0600.

DATABASE:

Biosciences Information Service
BIOSIS Connection
2100 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399

PHONE: (800)523-4806

KEY STAFF: A. W. Elias.

DESCRIPTION

The BIOSIS Connection is an online end-user service that allows the life science researcher direct information found in the BIOSIS Previews database, as well as a growing number of databases. It is designed to support the research and communication needs of the international life science community by providing access to an interactive information retrieval system. Databases and services included are: Bioexpress, containing 12 weeks of reference citations to journal articles, updated weekly; BioMeetings, a 12-month file containing hard-to-find references to research presented at meetings and symposia, updated monthly; BioBooks, containing synopses and publication information of recently published books in the life sciences, updated monthly; BioPatents, an 18-month file with references to recently granted United States patents in the areas of biotechnology, biomedicine, agriculture and food technology, updated semimonthly; a calendar of meetings, seminars, and symposia of interest to life scientists; and, a source list on over 17,000 life science journals including journal name, publication frequency, and publisher information.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Biosciences Information Service
(800)523-4806.

DATABASE:

Biosciences Information Service
BIOSIS Connection
AIDS in Focus Database
2100 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399

PHONE: (800)523-4806

KEY STAFF: A. W. Elias.

DESCRIPTION AIDS in Focus Database is a subset of the BIOSIS Connection Database. It contains references to literature on AIDS and related subjects published in scientific journals. The Database is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Biosciences Information Service
(800)523-4806.

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DATABASE:

BRS Information Technologies
1200 Rte. 7
Latham, NY 12110

PHONE: (518)783-1161

DESCRIPTION: The BRS Information Technologies is an online information vendor that provides subscribers with access to a number of health-related, biomedical, pharmaceutical, chemical, and business databases. The databases containing only AIDS-related materials include: AIDS Knowledge Base (ASFG), produced by the San Francisco General Hospital; AIDS Abstracts (AIDD), produced by the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases; AIDS Articles from Colleague's Complete Text Library (AACC); Medical and Psychological Previews (PREV); MEDLINE References on AIDS (MRAI); PDQ Cancer Information (PDQC); and PDQ Protocols (PDQP).

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.

DATABASE:

BRS Information Technologies
BRS/Colleague
1200 Rte. 7
Latham, NY 12110

PHONE: (800)468-0908

KEY STAFF: Telecommunications: Mary McCree, Manager of
Telemarketing.

DESCRIPTION: The BRS/Colleague is an online computer-based
medical literature and information service for
medical professionals. Colleague includes over
40 databases devoted to medicine. The databases
containing only AIDS-related materials include: AIDS
Knowledge Base (ASFG), produced by the San Francisco
General Hospital; AIDS Abstracts (AIDD), produced by
the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases; AIDS
Articles from Colleague's Complete Text Library
(AACC); Medical and Psychological Previews (PREV);
MEDLINE References on AIDS (MRAI); PDQ Cancer
Information (PDQC); and PDQ Protocols (PDQP).

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.

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DATABASE:

BRS Information Technologies
Comprehensive Core Medical Library
1200 Rte. 7
Latham, NY 12110

PHONE: (518)783-1161

KEY STAFF: Database Production: Amy Vegter.

DESCRIPTION: The Comprehensive Core Medical Library (CCML),
produced by the BRS Information Technologies, is a
full-text database of medical information drawn from
reference works; textbooks; and journals in the

fields of emergency, internal, and critical care medicine. The content of these resources is conveyed in its entirety online. As of March 1988, the Database contained 115,000 documents. It is updated weekly, with 300 to 1,000 new documents each update.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CCML.

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DATABASE:

BRS Information Technologies
Medical and Psychological Previews
1200 Rte. 7
Latham, NY 12110

PHONE: (800)345-4277

DESCRIPTION:

Medical and Psychological Previews (PREV) is a database that contains citations and abstracts to over 200 core journals in clinical medicine and psychology. The documents are added to the database within 10 days of their receipt in most major medical libraries across the country. Key journals in psychiatry, nursing, and hospital administration are also included. The PREV is designed as a current awareness tool to complement other bibliographic databases that rely on extensive indexing and the full-text journals that are online on BRS Colleague. One thousand new documents are added each week, and older documents are removed after approximately 3 months. The database contains over 11,000 documents.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: PREV.

DATABASE:

Buraff Publications, Incorporated
AIDS Policy and Law Database
1231 25th St., NW.
Washington, DC 20037

PHONE: (202)452-4200

DESCRIPTION:

The AIDS Policy and Law Database, produced by Buraff Publications, Incorporated, contains information on the legal and practical implications of Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) for government and private employment policies; housing; insurance; medical testing and care; schooling; current and pending Federal, State, and local legislation and regulations; and litigation and emerging case law. It is updated every 2 weeks.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Human Resource Information Network
(317)872-2045.

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DATABASE:

Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases
Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Database
Keppel St.
London WC1E 7HT
United Kingdom

PHONE: (01)636-8636.

KEY STAFF:

David W. FitzSimons.

DESCRIPTION:

Established in 1908, the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases is an organization based in London. It has produced electronic information about AIDS and published the "AIDS Newsletter." In 1984, the Bureau established an electronic database on AIDS. The Bureau acts as a clearinghouse for information to physicians, researchers, health care workers, and other concerned professionals. The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Database contains about 4,500 citations, most with abstracts,

to the worldwide literature on AIDS-related retroviruses, and human T-lymphotropic viruses. It covers the etiology of AIDS; its transmission, epidemiology, pathology, immunology, serology, treatment and control; and clinical and social aspects of the disease. Sources include journals, books, theses, and reports, with an emphasis on journals in the Library of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. The Database corresponds in part to the "Abstracts on Hygiene and Communicable Diseases" and "AIDS and Retroviruses Update." It covers mid-1982 to the present and is updated monthly with 120 records each update.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: AIDD.
BRS/Colleague (800)468-0908.
File name: AIDD.
Data-Star (800)221-7754.

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DATABASE:

Bureau of National Affairs, Incorporated
Daily Congressional and Presidential Calendar
1231 25th St., NW.
Washington, DC 20037

PHONE: (202)452-4132

DESCRIPTION:

The Bureau of National Affairs, Incorporated, Daily Congressional and Presidential Calendar contains a calendar of daily activities in the U.S. Congress and the Office of the President. Sources include the "Congressional Record," the Office of the President, and the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. It corresponds to section F of "Daily Report for Executives." The database contains only current information for 6-month periods.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Human Resource Information Network
(317)872-2045.

DATABASE:

Bureau of National Affairs, Incorporated
Database Publishing Unit
1231 25th St., NW.
Washington, DC 20037

PHONE: (202)452-4132

DESCRIPTION:

The Bureau of National Affairs, Incorporated, provides a number of employer/employee-related databases. These databases include Chemical Substance Control; Employment and Policy Guide; Health Care Costs: Where Is the Bottom Line; Individual Employment Rights; and Occupational Safety and Health Reporter.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Human Resource Information Network
(317)872-2045.

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DATABASE:

California AIDS Clearinghouse
4 Carbonero Way
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 1830
Santa Cruz, CA 95061-1830

PHONE: (408)438-4822

KEY STAFF:

Susan C. Cooper, Acting Director,
Ana Matiella, Associate Director for
Materials Development. Lynn Adams, Librarian.

DESCRIPTION:

The California AIDS Clearinghouse operates under a contract from the State Office of AIDS awarded to Education, Training, Research (ETR) Associates of Santa Cruz, CA. The Clearinghouse serves as a materials resource center for AIDS contractors and

other health care providers in California. It identifies and catalogs existing AIDS materials, determines needs for new AIDS material development, and provides bibliographic information and qualitative ratings to help AIDS contractors select materials specific to their client base.

ACCESS PROCEDURES: California Public Health Net (408)438-4822.

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DATABASE:

Cambridge Scientific Abstracts
Life Science Collection Database
7200 Wisconsin Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814

PHONE: (301)590-2300

DESCRIPTION:

The Life Science Collection Database contains citations, with abstracts, to worldwide life sciences literature. It corresponds to the 17 abstracting journals published by the Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CSA). Among them are Biochemistry Abstracts -- Amino-acid, Peptide and Protein; Biochemistry Abstracts -- Biological Membranes; Biotechnology Research Abstracts; Genetic Abstracts; Immunology Abstracts; Neurosciences Abstracts; and Virology Abstracts. The database is updated monthly, with 8,200 new records each update.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 76.

DATABASE:

CDC AIDS Weekly
P.O. Box 5528
Atlanta, GA 30307-0528

PHONE: (404)377-8895

DESCRIPTION:

The CDC AIDS Weekly is a private publishing company not associated with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). It provides AIDSQUEST Online, a collection of 14 separate databases, including DAITA (Database of Antiviral and Immunomodulatory Therapies for AIDS), the online edition of CDC AIDS Weekly newsletter, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, and several other resource databases. CDC AIDS Weekly also provides CDC AIDS Weekly Infoline, an electronic bulletin board.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

CDC AIDS Weekly's Newsletter Online:

AIDSQUEST (404)377-8895.

DIALOG Information Services (800)277-1960.

File number: 636.

NewsNet (215)527-8030.

Data-Star (800)221-7754.

CDC AIDS Weekly Infoline:

CDC AIDS Weekly (404)377-8895.

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DATABASE:

CDC AIDS Weekly
Database of Antiviral and Immunomodulator Therapies
P.O. Box 5528
Atlanta, GA 30307-0528

PHONE: (404)377-8895

DESCRIPTION:

The Database of Antiviral and Immunomodulatory Therapies for AIDS (DAITA) is an online AIDS drug, therapy, and treatment database. It is updated every week.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

CDC AIDS Weekly, DAITA (404)377-8895.

NewsNet (215)527-8030.

Data-Star (800)221-7754.

DATABASE:

Clinical Communications, Incorporated
Human Sexuality Database
132 Hutchin Hill Rd.
Shady, NY 12479

PHONE: (914)679-2217

KEY STAFF:

Howard R. Lewis, President.
Martha E. Lewis, Vice President.

DESCRIPTION:

The Human Sexuality Database, produced by Clinical Communications, Incorporated, offers an electronic magazine featuring information and advice on all aspects of human sexuality. It contains articles, interview and discussion transcripts, interactive programs, and answers to commonly asked questions on such topics as contraception, relationships, sexual dysfunction, homosexuality, and sexually transmitted diseases. Users can submit comments and questions online. The Human Sexuality Database is currently available on the CompuServe Information Service, QuantumLink, AppleLink, and PC-Link videotext networks. In addition, self-help groups assist subscribers in making use of the message board, conferencing, and data library facilities. The AIDS Support Group offers an opportunity for Persons with AIDS (PWA's) and people close to them to share feelings and experiences through online contact. The Database is updated every 1 or 2 weeks.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

CompuServe Information Service (800)848-8990.

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DATABASE:

Combined Health Information Database
c/o Natl. Inst. of Health
Bethesda, MD 20892

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box NDIC (CHID)
Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)468-2162

KEY STAFF:

Richard Pike, (301)468-2162. Health Education and AIDS in the School Subfiles: Chris Fralish, (404)329-3492. AIDS Education Subfile: Leonore Burts, (301)762-5111.

DESCRIPTION:

The Combined Health Information Database (CHID) is a combination of subfiles on AIDS, arthritis, diabetes, health education, digestive diseases, and high blood pressure. The AIDS subfile, produced by the National AIDS Information Clearinghouse, Rockville, MD, includes unpublished AIDS-related educational materials. The Arthritis subfile, produced by the Arthritis Information Clearinghouse, Arlington, VA, contains information on books, articles, pamphlets, and audiovisual materials on arthritis and related musculoskeletal diseases. The Diabetes subfile, produced by the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse, Bethesda, MD, includes citations to books, journal articles, and other materials on diabetes. The Health Education subfile, produced by the Center for Health Promotion and Education of the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, GA, includes articles, monographs, unpublished documents, and program descriptions relating to patient education, school and community health education, occupational health and risk reduction education, and professional training. The Digestive Diseases subfile, produced by the Digestive Diseases Clearinghouse, Bethesda, MD, includes fact sheets, brochures, and articles on digestive diseases. The High Blood Pressure Information Center, Bethesda, MD, includes information on articles, reports, books, and other materials concerning blood pressure. The Database contains 17,000 documents and is updated quarterly. Search aid includes "Health Promotion and Education Thesaurus" and "AIDS Vocabulary List."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CHID.

DATABASE:

Computer Research Group, Incorporated
Gambit 2 Database
2112 Broadway
New York, NY 10023

PHONE: (212)496-7774

DESCRIPTION:

The Gambit 2 Database contains citations, with abstracts, of all bills introduced in both Houses of the U.S. Congress. Information on each item includes bill number, subject or issue keyword, votes taken, amendments, measures, sponsor and cosponsor, public commentaries, chronology, committee and floor actions, related bills and amendments, and enforcement. The Database also includes abstracts of articles from the "New York Times," "Wall Street Journal," "Washington Post," "Business Week," and "Fortune" that cover selected current issues. The Database is updated daily.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Tymshare

(408)446-6000.

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DATABASE:

Computerized AIDS Information Network
1213 N. Highland Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90038

PHONE: (213)854-3006

KEY STAFF:

Electronic Information: Russell Toth.

DESCRIPTION:

The Computerized AIDS Information Network (CAIN) combines bibliographic, research, resource directory, referral, and announcement components with information relevant to and produced by the various AIDS information producers. The Network is designed to allow members to contribute information to the database directly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Delphi

(615)491-3393.

DATABASE:

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health
Literature Corporation (CINAHL)
Nursing and Allied Health Database

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 871
Glendale, CA 91209-0871

PHONE: (818)240-2819

KEY STAFF:

DeLauna Lockwood.

DESCRIPTION:

The Nursing and Allied Health (NAHL) Database provides coverage of current periodical literature relating to nursing, health care and administration, and other allied health disciplines. All major English language nursing and selective allied health journals are indexed. Other relevant articles are drawn from over 3,000 biomedical and popular sources, including relevant articles from most journals indexed for "Index Medicus." The Database also provides access to State and national nursing association publications. The Database contains 30,000 records and is updated every 2 months, with 3,500 new records each update. The print counterpart of the Database is the "Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature." The Database is accompanied by the following search aids: CINAHL Subject Headings/Alphabetic List and Tree Structures, and List of Journals Indexed. The Database also provides document delivery service.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: NAHL.
Data-Star (800)221-7754.
File name: NAHL.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 218.

DATABASE:

Derwent Publications, Limited
Pharmaceutical Literature Documentation Database
128 Theobalds Rd.
London
United Kingdom

DESCRIPTION:

The Pharmaceutical Literature Documentation (RINGDOC) Database contains citations, with abstracts, to the worldwide journal literature on pharmaceuticals. It covers topics ranging from chemistry through pharmacology to medicine. The Database corresponds to the weekly publication, "RINGDOC Abstracts Journals." The Database is updated monthly with 4,500 new records.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File numbers: 912 and 913.

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DATABASE:

Dialcom, Incorporated
AIDS Daily Summary
6120 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

PHONE: (800)543-3496

DESCRIPTION:

The AIDS Daily Summary, produced by Dialcom, Incorporated, in conjunction with the Public Health Foundation and the Whitman-Walker Clinic, is an electronic newsletter comprised of 10-15 AIDS-related summarized articles. Subjects covered in these articles include research efforts, treatment and prevention, precedent-setting legislation and litigation, education, public policy, human resource issues, confidentiality, and discrimination. The articles are compiled from over 300 major newspapers, magazines, and journals in the United States. The newsletter is updated daily.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Dialcom (301)881-9020.

DATABASE:

DIALOG Information Services, Incorporated
3460 Hillview Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94304

PHONE: (800)334-2564
(415)858-3810

DESCRIPTION:

The DIALOG Information Services, Incorporated, is an online information vendor that provides subscribers with access to a number of health-related biomedical, pharmaceutical, chemical, and business databases. Some of the databases provided by DIALOG are BIOSIS Previews (File 5), Pharmaceutical News Index (File 42), Excerpta Medica (File 72), Diogenes (File 158), Drug Information Fulltext (File 229), Consumer Drug Information Fulltext (File 271), Merck Index Online (File 304), MEDLINE (File 155), CANCERLIT (File 159), Nursing and Allied Health (File 218), and Clinical Abstracts (File 219).

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.

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DATABASE:

Electronic Data Systems
Capitol Information Management
Billtrak
11060 White Rock Road
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

PHONE: (916)636-4400

DESCRIPTION:

The Billtrak Database contains legislative information on bills, resolutions, and constitutional amendments introduced in the California State Legislature. For each measure, it includes full text and synopsis, as well as such information as name of sponsor and appropriations. It also covers committee hearing schedules,

legislator voting records, and campaign contributions. Source of information is the California State Legislature. The Database is updated daily.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Electronic Data Systems (916)636-4400.

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DATABASE:

Elsevier Applied Science Publishers
Medical Science Research Database
52 Vanderbilt Ave.
New York, NY 10017

PHONE: (800)457-3633

KEY STAFF: Elaine Alligood.

DESCRIPTION: The Medical Science Research Database (IRCS) is produced by Medical Science Research, a member of Elsevier Science Publishers. It covers full-text English language articles from 32 journals in the field of medical and biomedical science. The years of coverage are from 1981 to present. As of July 1983, it contained 1,200 documents and is updated bimonthly. The producer also provides document delivery service.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: IRCS.

DATABASE:

Excerpta Medica
Molenwerf 1
1014 AG
Amsterdam, the Netherlands

DESCRIPTION:

The Excerpta Medica (EMBASE or EMED) covers biomedical literature, including literature on drugs and toxicology. Abstracts and citations are taken from over 4,000 biomedical journals published throughout the world. The database contains over 3 million records and is updated every 2 weeks.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: EMED.
Data-Star (800)221-7754.
File name: EMZZ, EMED, EM87.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 72.

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DATABASE:

Executive Telecom System, Incorporated
Human Resource Information Network
College Park N.
9585 Valparaiso Ct.
Indianapolis, IN 46268

PHONE: (317)872-2045

KEY STAFF:

John W. Hawkins, President. Becky Ruehl,
Public Relations Coordinator.

DESCRIPTION:

The Executive Telecom System, Incorporated, (ETSI) produces the Human Resource Information Network (HRIN), an online information retrieval and communication service designed by, and specifically for, human resource professionals. The HRIN offers access information through these databases: The

Daily Developments Database, which provides full-text access to many publications; ABI/INFORM, which consists of indexed summaries and citations from 800 business journals; the Seminar Clearinghouse Database and Seminar Information Services Database, which provide information about seminars across the country; AIDS Policy and Law, which provides government and private employment policies and legislation; and the Employment and Policy Guide Database, which provides an overview of legal and practical requirements, policy, and government guidelines.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Human Resource Information Network
(317)872-2045.

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DATABASE:

Foundation Center
Foundation Directory
79 5th Ave.
New York, NY 10003

PHONE: (212)620-4230

KEY STAFF: Martha Keens.

DESCRIPTION:

The Foundation Directory contains descriptions of nongovernmental and nonprofit foundations that have assets of at least \$1 million or that make grants of at least \$100,000 annually. It includes foundation name, address, and telephone number; key financial data; purpose and activities; application guidelines and funding restrictions; and names of officers and directors. Sources are forms submitted voluntarily by a foundation to the Center or public information returns filed with the Internal Revenue Service. The database contains 5,000 records and is updated semiannually. The print counterpart of the database is "The Foundation Directory."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 26.

DATABASE:

Freedom of Information Service, Incorporated
DIOGENES
12315 Wilkins Ave.
Rockville, MD 20852

PHONE: (301)785-3704

DESCRIPTION:

DIOGENES contains documents and news stories relating to the regulation of drugs and medical devices. Included are unpublished Food and Drug Administration (FDA) documents acquired under the Freedom of Information Act; many are available in full text online. Newsletter articles and many FDA publications are also available in full text. The coverage varies by publication type, with unpublished documents available from 1976 and newsletters from 1981 to the present. The database contains 150,000 records and is updated weekly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: DIOG.
Data-Star (800)221-7754.
File name: DIOG.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 26.

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DATABASE:

Fund for Human Dignity
National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline
666 Broadway, 4th Fl.
Rm. 410
New York, NY 10012

PHONE: (212)529-1604

DESCRIPTION:

The National Gay and Lesbian Crisisline Fund for Human Dignity offers information, counseling, and referral on family issues, health issues, and victimization. The Crisisline maintains a comprehensive directory of gay and lesbian resources around the United States.

DATABASE:

Georgetown University
Kennedy Institute of Ethics
Bioethicsline
Washington, DC 20057

PHONE: (202)687-6771

DESCRIPTION:

The Bioethicsline contains about 25,000 citations to the literature on abortion; AIDS; euthanasia; genetic intervention; human experimentation; new reproductive technologies; patient's rights; professional ethics; resource allocation in health care; and numerous other ethical, legal, and public policy issues of concern to the medical community, policymakers, and the public. Relevant articles are drawn from 65 indexes, over 70 journals and newspapers, 4 online databases, and selected other reference tools. The database corresponds to the annual "Bibliography of Bioethics" and is updated every 2 months.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

National Library of Medicine (301)496-6193.

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DATABASE:

Hospice Education Institute
HOSPICELINK
5 Essex Sq., Ste. 3-B
Essex, CT 06426

PHONE: (203)767-1620

KEY STAFF:

J.M. Galazka, Executive Director.
Ellen J. Laskarin, Administrator.

DESCRIPTION:

The Hospice Education Institute maintains a database called HOSPICELINK. The database is used for providing services for people seeking information about hospice care and referrals to local hospice services. It contains a directory of hospices in the United States.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Hospice Education Institute (203)767-1620.

DATABASE:

Human Interaction Research Institute
AIDS in the Workplace Initiative
1849 Sawtelle Blvd., # 102
Los Angeles, CA 90025

PHONE: (213)395-6537

KEY STAFF:

Thomas E. Backer, PhD, President.
Barbara Crofford, Research Assistant.

DESCRIPTION:

The Human Interaction Research Institute, AIDS in the Workplace Initiative is a nonprofit center conducting research and policy studies on health care and human resources in the workplace. Educational services to assist employers in responding to the AIDS crisis include an electronic computer bulletin board that contains a bibliography on AIDS and AIDS-related issues; sample employer policies; information on AIDS specific to the entertainment industry workplace; and related workplace drug abuse programs.

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DATABASE:

Human Rights Campaign Fund
1012 14th St., NW.
Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: (202)628-4160

DESCRIPTION:

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) provides political support to the gay and lesbian community, particularly those seeking political office in the Senate and House of Representatives and who pledge to support gay and lesbian civil rights legislation. Funds are raised through donations, direct mail contributions, and other events. The HRCF's computerized bulletin board allows gay and lesbian computer users to get information from Washington, DC. The bulletin board, called HRCF Net, features information on Federal legislation, voting records, constituent

mobilization, and other news of interest to the national gay and lesbian communities.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

HRCF Net

(202)628-4160.

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DATABASE:

Information for Industry/Plenum Data Company
Mental Health Abstracts
302 Swann Ave.
Alexandria, VA 22301

PHONE: (703)683-1085

DESCRIPTION:

Mental Health Abstracts covers the world's literature in areas related to mental health. Sources of information come from 1,200 journals from 41 countries in 21 different languages. The Database also includes books, monographs, technical reports, and workshop and conference proceedings. It contains 473,176 records from 1969 to the present and is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 86.

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DATABASE:

Institute for AIDS Information
AIDSNews
90 Conz St.
Northampton, MA 01060

PHONE: (413)584-0004

DESCRIPTION:

The AIDSNews is operated by the Institute for AIDS Information. It is based on private- and government-owned computer networks connecting educational, government, and private research institutions worldwide. It is available via several linked networks.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Institute for AIDS Information
(413)584-0004.

DATABASE:

Institute for Scientific Information
Current Contents Search
3501 Market St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

PHONE: (215)386-0100

DESCRIPTION:

Current Contents Search is a multidisciplinary database corresponding to six Current Contents print editions: "Clinical Medicine"; "Life Sciences"; "Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences"; "Engineering"; "Technology and Applied Sciences"; and "Agriculture, Biology, and Environmental Sciences." The Database is a 3-month rolling file and is updated weekly; at any time, it contains approximately 160,000 items. Material from over 4,000 journals is included. Special features include Current Contents issue number, Current Contents subject categories, journal date, and reprint author addresses.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CCON.

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DATABASE:

International Medical Tribune Syndicate
257 Park Ave., S., 19th Fl.
New York, NY 10010

PHONE: (212)674-8500

DESCRIPTION:

The International Medical Tribune Syndicate contains news items in the medical and health care areas. It includes news, feature stories, and regular columns for consumers on such topics as fitness and health, pediatrics, new drugs, medical news for international travelers, nutrition, and dentistry. The Database is updated weekly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Dialcom, Incorporated (301)881-9020.

DATABASE:

Massachusetts Medical Society
AIDS Knowledge Base
1440 Main St.
Waltham, MA 02154-1649

PHONE: (617)893-4610

DESCRIPTION:

The AIDS Knowledge Base, produced by the Massachusetts Medical Society and the San Francisco General Hospital, was developed in 1987 to present current and comprehensive information about all aspects of the Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Its format allows rapid access to specific topics, including epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, prevention and treatment strategies, and societal and psychological aspects of AIDS. It is designed for use by clinicians, researchers, nurses, public health personnel, administrators, educators, and others working in this area. The Database carries only current information, with approximately 250 records online. It is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: ASFG.

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DATABASE:

Massachusetts Medical Society
Medical Publishing Group
AIDS Compact Disc Library
1440 Main St.
Waltham, MA 02154-1649

PHONE: (617)893-3800

DESCRIPTION:

The Medical Publishing Group (MPG) offers two sources for comprehensive and up-to-date AIDS information: Online and printed versions of the AIDS Knowledge Base produced by San Francisco General Hospital, and Compact Library: AIDS. The Compact Library: AIDS is a computerized textbook of AIDS information and research consisting of original articles, the full text of selected medical and scientific articles, and complete bibliographic

citations to all medical articles published to date about AIDS on a single compact disk. It offers access to the AIDS Knowledge Base; AIDSLINE, a subset of MEDLARS, produced by the National Library of Medicine; a full-text database of articles from major medical and scientific publications, produced directly from the electronic forms of the journals; and, the AIDS Database, produced by the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Massachusetts Medical Society, Medical Publishing
Group (617)893-3800.

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DATABASE:

Massachusetts Medical Society
Medical Publishing Group
Journal Watch Database
1440 Main St.
Waltham, MA 02154-1649

PHONE: (617)893-4610

KEY STAFF: Joseph Elia.

DESCRIPTION: The Journal Watch Database, a medical literature news service, uses physician-editors to report on important new clinical studies published in a core group of 19 journals. The Database surveys a broad range of biomedical literature from 1987 to the present. With a current collection of over 138 documents, it is updated semi-weekly, with 8-10 records each update.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: JWAT.

DATABASE:

Mead Data Central, Incorporated
P.O. Box 933
Dayton, OH 45401

PHONE: (513)865-6800

DESCRIPTION:

The Mead Data Central, Incorporated, provides access to the following databases: Drug Information Fulltext - MEDIS; two biomedical and health care databases, MEDIS and MEDLINE; and Physician Data Query (PDQ).

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DATABASE:

Medical Data Exchange
445 S. San Antonio Rd.
Los Altos, CA 94022

PHONE: (415)941-3600

KEY STAFF:

William M. Helvey, MD, President.
Mel F. Brdlik, Vice President.

DESCRIPTION:

The Medical Data Exchange (MDX) is a communications company that provides the following services: Online AIDS Update, a monthly search of the medical literature and the daily press; MEDLINE searches by request; custom searches of various AIDS-related databases; MDXNET, a network of online health care databases; and document delivery. The Online AIDS Update includes six AIDS-related topics: epidemiology; virology and immunology; transmission and prevention; clinical management; social and psychological issues; and public, economic, and legal issues.

DATABASE:

Medical Information Systems
Clinical Abstracts
3845 N. Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46208

PHONE: (317)923-1575

DESCRIPTION:

The Clinical Abstracts, a medical information database, is produced by Medical Information Systems, a distributor of education and research materials. It provides citations and abstracts from human clinical articles selected from the general medical literature.

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DATABASE:

Merck and Company, Incorporated
Merck Index Online
Box 2000, R50A-22
Rahway, NJ 07065

PHONE: (201)574-4000

DESCRIPTION:

The Merck Index Online is a full-text database of 10,000 monographs describing approximately 30,000 chemicals, drugs, biologicals, and veterinary and agricultural products. It includes patient information; chemical, generic, and trivial names; trademarks; preparations; molecular formulas and weights for title substances and derivatives; properties; Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) Registry Number; principal pharmacological actions; and toxicity of substances. It corresponds to the "Merck Index, 10th edition" (1983), and includes monographs that have been written or revised since its publication. The Database is updated twice a year.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: MRCK.
DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 304.
Tech Data (303)790-0600.
Chemical Information Systems (301)321-8441.

DATABASE:

National AIDS Information Clearinghouse

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20850

PHONE: (301)762-5111

KEY STAFF:

Ruthann Bates, Project Director, Aspen Systems Corporation, (301)762-5111.
Timothy Baker, Project Officer, Centers for Disease Control, (404)639-2384.

DESCRIPTION:

In October 1987, the Centers for Disease Control contracted for the development and maintenance of a National AIDS Information Clearinghouse (NAIC). The Clearinghouse serves as a central information facility to network and share information and materials among AIDS-related organizations. To do this, it maintains two databases: one for organizations providing resources and services and the other for unpublished educational materials such as brochures, guides, policies and procedures, and audiovisual materials. The databases are searched by Clearinghouse reference specialists to refer requesters to appropriate organizations for assistance and to help them locate needed materials. The Clearinghouse also distributes a variety of AIDS-related publications. Future services will include an online bulletin board, training in the use of the databases, and a resource center.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Resources Database:

National AIDS Information Clearinghouse

(800)458-5231

National AIDS Hotline (800)342-AIDS (English)

National AIDS Hotline (800)342-SIDA (Spanish)

National AIDS Hotline (800)AIDS-TTY (Deaf)

Educational Materials Database:

National AIDS Information Clearinghouse

(800)458-5231

BRS Information Technologies(800)468-0908.

File name: CHID (AIDS Education is one of CHID's subfiles.)

DATABASE:

National AIDS Information Systems Group
AIDS TeleForum
2518 Post St.
San Francisco, CA 94115

PHONE: (415)771-3880

KEY STAFF:

Contact through Medical Data Exchange: Main no.:
(415)941-3600.
Mel F. Brdlik, Vice President.
Joe Patterson, Secretary.
Michael D. Storms, Newsletter Editor.

DESCRIPTION:

The AIDS TeleForum is a voice mail network established by the National AIDS Information Systems Group (NAISG) to help AIDS professionals communicate about AIDS-related information.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

GTE TeleMessenger (800)564-2008.

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DATABASE:

National Community Research Initiative

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 29058
Washington, DC 20017-0058

PHONE: (202)529-9187

KEY STAFF:

Larry M. Bruni, MD, President.
Jonathan Mann, MD, Director.

DESCRIPTION: The National Community Research Initiative (NCRI) is a nonprofit charitable corporation. The main objectives of the NCRI are to promote widespread testing of potentially effective therapies against HIV infection; to quicken the development of treatment alternatives for Persons with AIDS (PWA'S); to sponsor AIDS treatment research; and to produce scientifically reliable research data. At the heart of these efforts is a nationwide computer-based network that links community-based research initiatives throughout the country and provides a pool of information and scientifically useful data. The NCRI also permits participating health care providers across the country to contact one another to assess and discuss issues about the management of HIV-related infections.

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DATABASE:
National Health Service
Regional Drug Information Service
Pharmline Database
London Hospital
London, United Kingdom

DESCRIPTION: The Pharmline Database contains approximately 42,000 citations, with abstracts (since 1983), to worldwide journal literature on drugs and professional pharmacy practice. It covers adverse effects of drugs; bioavailability; clinical pharmacokinetics, including metabolism; drug interactions; drug modifications of laboratory tests; information science, as applicable to drug information; new drugs and new uses of established drugs; new routes of administration and dosage schedules; pharmaceuticals, pharmacology, and pharmacy practice; and use of drugs in breastfeeding, pregnancy, and neonates, and in liver and renal failure. It is updated weekly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:
Data-Star (800)221-7754.
File name: LINE.

DATABASE:

National Native American AIDS Prevention Center
6239 College Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618

PHONE: (415)658-2051

KEY STAFF: Ron Rowell, MPH, Executive Director.

DESCRIPTION: The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) is an organization representing Native Americans in 10 States. Through its network, the NNAAPC has been involved in both local and national efforts to bring awareness of AIDS and risk reduction education to tribal people. The NNAAPC is involved in a cooperative consortium of national organizations, including the Circle newspaper and the Native American Press Association (NAPA), to reach readers with targeted messages. Beginning in 1989, the NNAAPC will identify and contact every Native American newsletter, newspaper, radio, and television station to invite their participation in the National AIDS Media Consortium (NIAMC). A national AIDS workshop for reporters will be conducted, with ongoing technical assistance provided. Additional services include a hotline for answering specific inquiries about AIDS within the Native American community, a quarterly newsletter, and a computer bulletin board for health care providers. The NNAAPC has offices both in Oakland, CA, and in Minneapolis, MN.

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DATABASE:

National Planning Data Corporation
Healthcare Evaluation System Database
P.O. Box 610
20 Terrace Hill
Ithaca, NY 14850

PHONE: (607)273-8208

DESCRIPTION: The Healthcare Evaluation System Database contains information on health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, and

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO's). Ambulatory and outpatient facilities, as well as freestanding emergency clinics (FEC's), are also included. In addition to providing a listing of facilities by name and address, the Database also describes the types of services offered, the numbers of beds and patients, and the average length of stay per patient. Finally, the types of surgical procedures performed, as well as information on facility approval and accreditation are available. Information may be retrieved for single or multiple entries by ZIP code or county. Entries to the Database are derived from the SMG Marketing Group, Incorporated.

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DATABASE:

National Safety Council
444 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60611

PHONE: (312)527-4800

KEY STAFF: J.C. Gilchrest, President.

DESCRIPTION: The National Safety Council (NSC) is a voluntary nongovernmental organization. It promotes accident reduction by providing a forum for the exchange of safety and health ideas, techniques, and experiences and the discussion of accident prevention methods. The NSC offers background courses at the Safety Training Institute and home study courses for supervisors. It also maintains an extensive library and inhouse database on safety-related subjects. The Council has produced several AIDS-related brochures for workers, parents, and teenagers.

DATABASE:

National Standards Association
Congressional Records Abstracts Database
1200 Quince Orchard Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

PHONE: (301)590-2300

DESCRIPTION:

The Congressional Record Abstracts Database is a comprehensive abstracting and indexing system to the "Congressional Record," the official daily journal of the United States Congress. The Database provides concise summaries and references to bills and resolutions; amendments to bills and resolutions; committee and subcommittee reports; public laws; schedules of committee and floor actions; executive communications; and speeches, participation in debates, and materials inserted by members of the Congress. Years of coverage span from 1986 to the present, with over 88,000 documents available as of November 1987. The Database is updated weekly, with close to 1,000 new records per update. A print counterpart is available.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CREC.

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DATABASE:

National Standards Association
Federal Register Abstracts Database
1200 Quince Orchard Blvd.
Gaithersburg, MD 30878

PHONE: (301)590-2300

DESCRIPTION:

The Federal Register Abstracts Database, produced by the National Standards Association, is a comprehensive abstracting and indexing system to the Federal Register, the daily Government publication for Government pronouncements. It

provides concise coverage of Federal regulatory and administrative actions, including the following: New rules; proposed regulations; notices; meetings; hearings; Presidential proclamations; Executive orders, and Presidential determinations; public law notices; and notices of rulings taking effect. Years of coverage span 1986 to the present, with approximately 43,000 records available as of November 1987. The Database is updated weekly, with close to 700 new documents per update. A print counterpart is available.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: FREG.

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DATABASE:

Public Health Foundation
Public Health Network
1220 L St., NW, Ste. 350
Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: (202)898-5600

KEY STAFF: Christine Frank

DESCRIPTION:

The Public Health Network, produced by the Public Health Foundation, is an electronic bulletin board that offers subscribers access to a variety of health-related information services and databases. Menu options include Electronic Mail Service, a message service where notes and documents can be exchanged with other users on the Public Health Network; Bulletin Boards and Conferences, an interactive communication base for public notices posted by users, including a forum specifically for AIDS; and BRS, available only to users with a special subscription arrangement. Additional options include FEDNEWS, containing news from Federal Government agencies, and Electronic News Services. Among the agencies in FEDNEWS are the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and

and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) information services. The Electronic News Services contains wire services and reprinted articles searchable by keyword and scanned by date. There are over 750 users on the Public Health Network, including users in 50 State health agencies, 11 State environmental agencies, 230 local health departments, over 250 users in Federal agencies, and several affiliated health and professional associations. The Network is hosted on the Dialcom network. While updates are continuous, they vary according to service option.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Public Health Network (202)898-5600.
 Dialcom (301)881-9020.
 File number: FEDNEWS.

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 DATABASE:

Radio Suisse
 Data-Star
 114 Jermyn St.
 London SW1Y 6HJ, United Kingdom

PHONE: (800)221-7754

DESCRIPTION:

The Data-Star, a service of Radio Suisse, is an online information vendor that provides subscribers with access to a number of health-related, biomedical, pharmaceutical, chemical, and business databases. Some of the databases provided by the Data-Star are AIDS Database (AIDS); Biosis Previews (BIZZ, BIOL, and BI84); British Medical Association Press Cuttings (BMAP); cancer-related databases (CAZZ, and CANC), Diogenes (DIOG); all Excerpta Medica (EMZZ, EMED, and EM87); IDIS Drug File (IOWA); International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPAB); Pharmline (LINE); MEDLINE (MEZZ, MEDL, and MEYY); and Psychological Abstracts (PSYC).

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Data-Star (800)221-7754.

DATABASE:

Robert L. Walter Communications
Healthcom Medical Information Service
P.O. Box 155
New York, NY 10011

PHONE: (212)645-3792

DESCRIPTION:

The Healthcom Medical Information Service contains health care information and advice for consumers. It covers diet and nutrition, mental health, sexuality, traditional and alternative therapies, alcohol and drug use, family health care, women's health issues, and dental care. The service provides a forum for exchanges between health care professionals and users, as well as interactive tutorials on subjects of current interest; e.g., Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Each tutorial is accompanied by references to selected materials from popular and professional journals. It also contains the full text of Health Resources Directory, providing descriptions of U.S. health organizations and self-help groups. It is updated continuously throughout the day. The tutorials are updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

CompuServe Information Service (614)457-8600.

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DATABASE:

Scientific American, Incorporated
Scientific American Medicine Database
415 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10017

PHONE: (212)754-0805

KEY STAFF:

Toby Bilanow.

DESCRIPTION:

The Scientific American Medicine Database (SAMM) provides the user with up-to-date full-text coverage of current developments in clinical medicine. Chapters are broken down according to the 15

subspecialties of internal medicine and are updated monthly to reflect the latest changes in patient management, diagnostic techniques, basic medical science, drug regimens, and more. Also included are pertinent and up-to-date journal references on specific medical topics. The Database contains 400 records and is updated monthly. The print counterpart of the Database is the "Scientific American Medicine."

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: SAMM.

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DATABASE:

UMI/International Data Courier
Pharmaceutical News Index
620 S. 5th St.
Louisville, KY 40202

PHONE: (502)582-4111

DESCRIPTION:

The Pharmaceutical News Index (PNI) contains citations to business, legislative, and product news items from major pharmaceutical and medical device newsletters, such as Drug Research Reports; Pharma Japan; Clinica World Medical Devices News; Medical Devices, Diagnostics and Instrumentation Reports; Quality Control Reports; Weekly Pharmacy Reports; SCRIP World Pharmaceutical News; FDC Reports; Technology Reimbursement Reports; Applied Genetics News; Biomedical Business International; and Health Devices. Topics covered include drugs and medical devices; sales and earnings reports; mergers and acquisitions; research developments; government regulations and legislation; and new product announcements. The Database is updated weekly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 42.

DATABASE:

US Conference of Mayors
AIDS Program
1620 I St., NW.
Washington, DC 20006

PHONE: (202)293-7330

KEY STAFF:

Richard Johnson, Assistant Executive Director.
Alan Gambrell, Principal Associate.

DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), AIDS Program was established in spring 1983 to address the impact of AIDS at the local level. The two major components of the program are a network of information exchange and technical assistance for localities on innovative and effective AIDS-related policies and programs. Technical assistance includes grant writing assistance, funding source referrals, and information on other AIDS education programs being conducted by community-based organizations. A special Mayors Task Force on AIDS meets to discuss and adopt Conference policy on AIDS-related issues. Published resources include a bimonthly newsletter and a USCM-operated database providing information on local AIDS activities. A comprehensive service directory listing over 2,000 local, State, and Federal AIDS-related services is available. The USCM compiles AIDS-related policies developed at the local level, specific to such issues as policies dealing with discrimination, safety professionals, and protocols for correctional officers and health care workers.

DATABASE:

US Department of Commerce
National Technical Information Service
Directory of Federal Laboratories and Technology Resources
5285 Port Royal Rd.
Springfield, VA 22161

PHONE: (703)487-4650

DESCRIPTION:

The Directory of Federal Laboratories and Technology Resources Database contains descriptions of over 1,000 Federal research and engineering laboratories and other facilities that are available for use by the private sector. Entries are divided into 31 subject categories and provide information on the nature and extent of the resources available, e.g., expertise, information, equipment, facilities, special services. Each entry includes name, address, and contact person. The Database is updated every 2 years.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies	(800)468-0908.
File name: FATD.	
BRS/Colleague	(800)468-0908.
File name: FATD.	
BRS After Dark	(800)468-0908.
File name: FATD.	
Newsnet	(215)527-8030.

DATABASE:

US Department of Commerce
National Technical Information Service
Federal Research in Progress Database
5285 Port Royal Rd.
Springfield, VA 22161

PHONE: (703)487-4650

DESCRIPTION:

The Federal Research in Progress Database contains descriptions of and references to in-progress and recently completed research sponsored primarily by Federal Government agencies. It covers basic and applied research in all areas of the life, physical, social, behavioral, and engineering sciences. All records include title, principal investigator, performing organization, and sponsoring organization. Contributing agencies include the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Energy, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Bureau of Standards, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Geological Survey, Veterans Administration, Transportation Research Board (a private organization supported by public and private funds), and the National Science Foundation. The Database is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 265.

DATABASE:

US Department of Energy
and US Department of Health and Human Services
Genetic Sequence Database

Los Alamos National Laboratory
Group T-10
Mail Stop K-710
Los Alamos, NM 87545

or:

6003 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

PHONE: Department of Energy: (605)665-0480
Department of Health and Human Services: (301)496-8200

DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Energy has instituted a 3-year interagency agreement with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to establish a computerized database housed at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Genetic Sequence Database provides an international research resource to aid in the development of vaccines and treatment strategies, and to increase the understanding of the pathology, genetics, and evolution of HIV. Information from the Database is available (and updated quarterly) in printed form and on an IBM-formatted diskette to qualified investigators at no charge. The first formal compilation of data for distribution, "Human Retroviruses and AIDS 1987," is now available. The new Database maintains a cooperative relationship with GenBank (its predecessor) and EMBL-Heidelberg, a European genetic sequence bank, and provides them with annotated information for their online computer databases. Several types of information are available from the HIV Genetic Sequence Database: Nucleotide sequences, analyses, related sequence, and communication.

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration
Office for Substance Abuse Prevention
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 2345
Rockville, MD 20852

PHONE: (301)468-2600

KEY STAFF: Joan Hurley, Director.

DESCRIPTION: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is a service provided by the Office for Substance Abuse Prevention to meet the growing demand for information about alcohol and other drugs. The NCADI answers mail and telephone requests with publications, database searches, or other information resources. Publications include pamphlets, monographs, posters, planning and evaluation guides, resource lists, and directories. The NCADI also distributes "Prevention Pipeline," a bimonthly resource for planning, implementing, and evaluating prevention programs. The NCADI is the center of the Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resources (RADAR) Network, a State clearinghouse serving regional and local needs.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
AIDS School Health Education Subfile
1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333

PHONE: (404)329-3492

DESCRIPTION: The AIDS School Health Educational Subfile is prepared by the Centers for Disease Control. It contains bibliographic descriptions of published

materials dealing with promoting education and awareness among students on the subject of AIDS. The Database is available as a subfile of the Combined Health Information Database (CHID) and is updated quarterly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: CHID.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report Database
1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333

PHONE: (404)639-3396

KEY STAFF:

Marilyn Mollenkamp.

DESCRIPTION:

The HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report Database, produced by the Centers for Disease Control, shows the latest epidemiological statistics of AIDS in the United States. Tables report the numbers of AIDS cases and fatalities, organized by age group, geographic region, exposure category, sex, race/ethnicity, age at diagnosis, and year of diagnosis. Rates are compared for different time periods. Database information is available in a print format. The Database is updated the second Tuesday of each month.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Public Health Network	(202)898-5600.
File name: XXXX.	
American Medical Computing	(800)426-2873.
File number: AMA/Net.	
Dialcom	(301)881-9020.
File number: FEDNEWS.	

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
Information Service
1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333

PHONE: (404)639-3396

KEY STAFF: Marilyn Mollenkamp.

DESCRIPTION

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Information Service is an electronic bulletin board system that provides general AIDS information, a calendar, and electronic versions of several regular reports. Menu options include: "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report" (MMWR), comprised of epidemiology articles from CDC; "MMWR Tables," comprised of epidemiological statistics from CDC; a calendar of CDC meetings and events; and, AIDS Information, comprised of facts about AIDS, recommendations, case definitions, and a directory of State-level contacts. New reports are available online as CDC issues them.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Public Health Network	(202)898-5600.
American Medical Computing	(800)426-2873.
File number: AMA/Net.	
Dialcom	(301)881-9020.
File number: FEDNEWS.	

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control
Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Database
1600 Clifton Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30333

PHONE (404)639-3396

KEY STAFF: Marilyn Mollenkamp.

DESCRIPTION: The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Database consists of articles about the current epidemiology of diseases in the United States, including but not limited to, AIDS. Categories of articles include epidemiological notes and reports, current trends, committee recommendations, and Government policies. Information reported includes the "MMWR Tables" showing the latest morbidity and mortality statistics of many diseases, including the number of AIDS cases for the previous week and for the same week one year before. A print counterpart, the "Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report," is also available. The Database and its tables are updated every Thursday morning by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Articles in the Database are searchable by keyword.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Public Health Network	(202)898-5600.
American Medical Computing	(800)426-2873.
File number: AMA/Net.	
Dialcom	(301)881-9020.
File number: FEDNEWS.	

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Food and Drug Administration
FDA Electronic Bulletin Board
5600 Fishers Ln.
Rockville, MD 20857

PHONE: (301)443-3285

DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Electronic Bulletin Board contains the full text of reports, press releases, articles, speeches, and other items issued by the FDA. It includes the weekly enforcement report of FDA-regulated products under recall; citations to articles and full text of selected articles from the monthly FDA Consumer magazine; the monthly list of drug and device product approvals; citations to FDA Federal Register announcements; newsletters of interest to physicians and other health professionals; prepared speeches delivered by the FDA Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner; prepared statements delivered by FDA officials at congressional oversight hearings; and a schedule of upcoming FDA-sponsored meetings and conferences. The database is updated daily and contains only current-month information.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Dialcom, Incorporated (301)881-9020.

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Health Resources and Services Administration
Information Service
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

PHONE: (301)443-3376

KEY STAFF: Joel Levine.

DESCRIPTION: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of the Public Health Service, provides online access to several HRSA reports to promote the delivery of health services to disadvantaged and underserved populations, as well as the development of resources, such as qualified health professionals and facilities. Menu options include: Introduction to HRSA, a description of HRSA and its goals; "Weekly Activities Report," an electronic version of the documentation of HRSA's involvement within communities nationwide; "Weekly Legislative Report," an electronic version of the report of health-related legislation introduced into the United States Congress; and, Upcoming meetings, a monthly list of events sponsored by HRSA or attended by its officials.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Public Health Network	(202)898-5600.
Dialcom	(301)881-9020.
File name:	FEDNEWS.

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Center for Health Services Research
Health Care Technology Assessment Program
Severity Classification System for AIDS Hospitalizations
Parklawn Bldg., Rm. 18-A-55
5600 Fishers Ln.
Rockville, MD 20857

PHONE: (301)443-5706

DESCRIPTION:

The Severity Classification System for AIDS Hospitalizations is a computer model permitting the clinical classification of patients based upon a hierarchy of AIDS-related complications. The model was developed and tested empirically using data on the inpatient mortality of over 6,000 adult AIDS patients hospitalized in New York during 1985. The System employs three stages, comprised of 20 substages, with inpatient mortality rates increasing from 6 to 60 percent. System applications include the analysis of resource use and outcomes of hospital care for any given AIDS population.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
CANCERLIT
9030 Old Georgetown Rd.
R.A. Block Bldg.
Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)496-6193

DESCRIPTION:

The CANCERLIT (CANR) contains bibliographic records with abstracts of published cancer-related materials. The database includes articles from journals, abstracts of papers presented at professional meetings, reports, dissertations, and other monographs. It covers all aspects of

experimental and clinical cancer therapy; chemical, viral, and other agents that cause cancer; mechanisms of carcinogenesis; and the biochemistry, immunology, physiology, and other biology of cancer. The database contains 389,000 documents and is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
 File name: CANR.
 DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
 File number: 159.
 Data-Star (800)221-7754.
 File name: CANC.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
 Public Health Service
 National Institutes of Health
 National Cancer Institute
 International Cancer Information Center
 9030 Old Georgetown Rd.
 R.A. Block Bldg.
 Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)496-7403

KEY STAFF: Susan Hubbard, Director, National Cancer Institute Database.

DESCRIPTION: The National Cancer Institute, International Cancer Information Center (ICIC) collects, catalogs, and disseminates the results of cancer research. Major ICIC activities include the preparation of publications and the operation or sponsorship of the CANCERLINE and Physician Data Query (PDQ) systems, and two Cancer Information Dissemination and Analysis Centers (CIDAC's). The CANCERLINE is a computer-based system comprising three databases: CANCERLIT (Cancer Literature), CANCERPROJ (Cancer Research Projects), and CLINPROT (Clinical Cancer Protocols). The PDQ system provides physicians with data about the prognosis, staging, and treatment options for 82 different types of cancer; information about active treatment protocols; and

directory listings for approximately 12,000 physicians and 1,500 organizations that specialize in the treatment of cancer patients.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

CANCERLINE

National Library of Medicine (301)496-6193.

CANCERLIT

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.

File number: 159.

Physician Data Query Databases

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.

File name: PDQC, PDQD, and PDQP

BRS/Colleague

(800)468-0908.

File name: PDQC, PDQD, and PDQP

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
Physician Data Query Cancer Information File
R.A. Block Bldg.
9030 Old Georgetown Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)496-7403

DESCRIPTION:

The Physician Data Query Cancer (PDQC) Information File contains prognosis and treatment information of over 85 different cancers. Included are up-to-date information on prognosis, staging, cellular classification, and standard and investigational treatments, along with references to medical literature. An editorial board of 72 oncologists is responsible for accuracy of the information. The Database is updated monthly and contains only current information.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.

File name: PDQC.

BRS/Colleague

(800)468-0908.

File name: PDQC.

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
Physician Data Query Directory File
R.A. Block Bldg.
9030 Old Georgetown Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)496-7403

DESCRIPTION:

The Physician Data Query Directory (PDQD) File contains the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of over 10,000 physicians and organizations devoted to the care of cancer patients. The information on individual physicians is gathered from the membership directories of more than 15 professional societies and associations. The Database is updated monthly and contains only current information.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: PDQD.
BRS/Colleague (800)468-0908.
File name: PDQD.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Cancer Institute
Physician Data Query Protocol
9030 Old Georgetown Rd.
Bethesda, MD 20892

PHONE: (301)496-7403

DESCRIPTION:

The Physician Data Query Protocol (PDQP) File contains information on over 1,000 active cancer treatment protocols. All clinical trials directly supported by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), as well as those voluntarily submitted by other investigators, are included. Documents contain detailed information on objectives, patient entry

criteria, details of the treatment regimen, and participating organizations. The database contains over 1,000 protocols and is updated monthly.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

BRS Information Technologies (800)468-0908.
File name: PDQP.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894

PHONE: (301)496-4000

DESCRIPTION:

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) serves as a resource for all United States health services libraries through 7 regional and 125 resource libraries. The headquarters library in Maryland serves as a source of last resort by supplying information not obtainable through the local regional libraries. It actively acquires books, journals, and audiovisual materials on all aspects of medicine, nursing, and health care. It maintains several medically related databases. The Department of Health and Human Services provides MEDLARS, the NLM's database system, through regional medical libraries. The service Grateful Med is a user-friendly software package for accessing 10 MEDLARS files: AIDSLINE (journal articles); AVLINE (audiovisual materials); CANCERLIT (cancer-related literature); CATLINE (catalog of books and serials); CHEMLINE (chemical substances); DIRLINE (Directory of Information Resources Online); HEALTH (nonclinical health care); MEDLINE (journal articles); and TOXLIT and TOXLINE (toxicological information).

ACCESS PROCEDURES: MEDLINE is accessible directly through NLM (online); Aries Systems Corporation (MEDLINE Knowledge Finder); BRS Information Technologies (online and BRS Colleague Disc); Cambridge Scientific Abstracts (CD-ROM - Cambridge Compact: MEDLINE); Data-Star (online); DIALOG Information Services, Incorporated (online and DIALOG OnDisc - MEDLINE); Digital Diagnostics, Incorporated (BiblioMed); EBSCO Electronic Information, Incorporated (MEDLINE/EBSCO CD-ROM); Massachusetts Medical Society, Medical Publishing Group (AIDS Compact Disc Library); SilverPlatter Information, Incorporated (SilverPlatter MEDLINE).

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Library of Medicine
AIDSLINE
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894

PHONE: (303)496-6193

DESCRIPTION:

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) offers AIDSLINE as a component of its family of MEDLARS databases. AIDSLINE is an online bibliographic file of published literature focusing on the biomedical, epidemiologic, and social behavioral sciences literature. It contains records from MEDLINE, MEDLARS' file of biomedical journal articles, and from HEALTH, a file of citations covering nonclinical aspects of health-care delivery.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

National Library of Medicine (301)496-6193.

DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Library of Medicine
Directory of Information Resources Online
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20894

PHONE: (301)496-4000

DESCRIPTION:

The Directory of Information Resources Online (DIRLINE) contains references to about 15,000 organizations that provide information in their areas of specialization. Each record contains the organization name, address, telephone number(s), descriptions of broad and specific subject areas covered, holdings (e.g., databases or document collections), a list of representative publications, types of information services provided, and any fees or restrictions on use. It covers library and information centers, professional societies, university research bureaus and institutions, Federal and State agencies, lobby groups, testing stations, citizens' organizations, and industrial laboratories. Sources include the National Referral Center Database (NRCD), the Poison Control Centers (PCC), the Drug Abuse Communications Network (DRACON), the Health Information Center (OHIC) database, and the National AIDS Information Clearinghouse (NAIC). It is updated twice a year.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

National Library of Medicine (301)496-6193.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
National Health Information Center
1010 Wayne Ave., Ste. 300
Silver Spring, MD 20910

PHONE: (301)565-4167

DESCRIPTION:

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP), National Health Information Center is a health information referral organization that puts people in touch with those organizations

that are best able to answer their health questions. Established in 1979 by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the Center's main objectives are to identify health information resources; channel requests for information to these resources; and develop publications on health-related topics of interest to health professionals, the health media, and the general public. The Center meets these objectives by using a variety of health information resource materials, a database of health-related organizations, and an information referral system. The library supports the Center's information and referral services and database development. Medical and health reference books, directories, and books on health promotion comprise the core of the collection. The Center produces directories, resource guides, and bibliographies on various health topics and disseminates many other ODPHP publications. The Center also maintains an online directory of more than 1,000 health-related organizations that can provide health information. They include Federal and State agencies, voluntary associations, self-help and support groups, trade associations, and professional societies.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

National Library of Medicine (part of DIRLINE)
(301)496-4000.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
Office of Minority Health - Resource Center

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 37337
Washington, DC 20013

PHONE: (202)245-0200

DESCRIPTION:

The Office of Minority Health-Resource Center (OMH-RC) was established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH) in October 1987. The Resource Center

maintains information on health-related resources, targeting Asian/Pacific Islanders, Blacks, Hispanics/Latinos, and Native Americans, available at the Federal, State, and local levels. The activities of the OMH-RC concentrate on topics of cancer; chemical dependency; diabetes; heart disease and stroke; homicide/suicide; infant mortality; and unintentional injury. The OMH-RC is available to answer requests from consumers and professionals. Bilingual staff are available to assist Spanish-speaking requests. It offers sources of free and low cost services and material. The OMH-RC is building a computerized database of minority health-related materials, organizations, and programs which concentrate on the minority health priority areas and associated risk factors. It is establishing a network of professionals active in a variety of disciplines that can provide expert technical assistance to minority-based community organizations, voluntary groups, and individuals. The OMH-RC is also preparing a series of fact sheets, entitled "Closing the Gap." Certain services are available in Spanish.

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DATABASE:

US Department of Justice
National Institute of Justice
National Criminal Justice Reference Service
National Institute of Justice AIDS Clearinghouse

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20850

PHONE: (301)251-5500

KEY STAFF: Cheryl A. Bissell, AIDS Information Specialist.

DESCRIPTION: The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) AIDS Clearinghouse, established in 1987, serves as a centralized source for criminal justice practitioners to direct their questions about AIDS as it affects their daily responsibilities. An

information specialist is available to answer questions, make referrals, and suggest publications. The Clearinghouse also offers a public reading room, interlibrary loans, microfiche, and database searches. Information resources also include NIJ Reports (bimonthly publication); AIDS Bulletin Series; AIDS in Correctional Facilities: Issues and Options (updated annually); AIDS and the Law Enforcement Officer: Concerns and Policy Responses; and AIDS: Issues for Probation and Parole (forthcoming). In addition to the NIJ's publications, the Clearinghouse has access to information developed by the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies of the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Department of Justice, as well as materials prepared by professional associations, State and local governments, and corrections and law enforcement agencies. The Clearinghouse accepts telephone, written, and onsite inquiries about resources. While the primary audience is criminal justice practitioners, there are no user restrictions. With the exception of postage and handling fees for bulk orders of publications, there are no fees associated with the services of the Clearinghouse.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

DIALOG Information Services (800)334-2564.
File number: 21.

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DATABASE:

Windom Health Enterprises
AIDS Research Communications Network
2926 Benvenue
Berkeley, CA 94705

PHONE: (415)848-6980

KEY STAFF: Michael McDonald.

DESCRIPTION: The AIDS Research Communications Network (AIDSNet) is an online communication service for AIDS researchers. Some of the databases are available free of charge, others will require some

access charges. An arrangement for participants to communicate with other AIDS researchers on different systems is being designed. Members of the network include State HIV Prevention Program Coordinators, local public health departments, and the public health foundations. To have a compatible communications system, the Windom Health Foundation has approached the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and other organizations to encourage the drafting of consensus strategies for AIDS research communications on domestic and international levels.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Windom Health Enterprises, AIDSNet
(415)848-6980.

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DATABASE:

World Immunological Network Project Foundation
WIN-AIDS
4119 Los Feliz Blvd., Ste. 10
Los Angeles, CA 90027

PHONE: (213)663-0088

KEY STAFF:

Genevieve M. Clavreul, RN, PhD, Executive
Director.

DESCRIPTION:

The World Immunological Network Project Foundation (WINPF) administers WIN-AIDS, an international computerized data network and hotline. The network brings together up-to-date information, as well as electronic mail, provided by research teams from around the world. It is available via several linked networks.

ACCESS PROCEDURES:

World Immunological Network Project Foundation
(413)584-0004.

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